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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" Sir, is tobacco included in the operation of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" Not in South Kanara, Sir."

Orange gardens in Wynaad taluk.

* 313 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that orange gardens in Wynaad taluk, Malabar, are withering on account of certain pests; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to control the pest and, if so, with what success?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) The orange industry in Wynaad has suffered during the past few years due to the 'Fruit and leaf fall', 'decline' and Stem borer diseases.

" (*b*) A statement [a] showing the measures taken by Government is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—" Sir, the net result of the statement placed on the table of the House is that in between the financial difficulties of the Government and the non-co-operation of the growers, the pest continues unabated. May I request the Government to compel the owners and growers to take proper steps or themselves to take proper steps in order that the pest may be prevented from spreading further."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" The remedy for these diseases and pests has been discovered. The remedies have been made known to the owners of the orange orchards. The co-operation of the owners of the orange orchards is required in carrying out these remedial measures. It is impossible for the Government to take up the work like spraying and all that in private farms. It is a very difficult thing. No Government can undertake such kind of work."

Certified School, Kozhikode.

* 314 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state when the Certified School at Kozhikode was handed over to the management of the Poor Homes Society, Kozhikode, and under what conditions the management was given to the Poor Homes Society?

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 917–918 *infra*.